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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (TODMAN, TERENCE A.), AR

SUBJECT: TODMAN VISIT

- 1. EVENTS CONTINUE TO CONSPIRE AGAINST OUR PROGRAMMING FOR YOUR VISIT. AFTER THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRESIDENT VIDELA'S TRIP TO VENEZUELA, ECONOMY MINISTER MARTINEZ DE HOZ WAS SUDDENLY HOSPITALIZED FOR ULCER SURGERY. HE WILL BE REPLACED IN THE PRESIDENT'S PARTY BY HIS SENIOR DEPUTY, WALTER KLEIN, WHOM WE HAD PLANNED FOR YOU TO VISIT. THEN ON SATURDAY THE TRAGIC ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF FOREIGN MINISTER GUZZETTI TOOK PLACE; THE CHANCES FOR HIS RECOVERY ARE STILL UNCLEAR.
- 2. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IS STILL SHOWING SIGNS OF SHOCK, BUT ASSURES US THAT THE MEETING AND LUNCHEON FOR YOU WILL GO FORWARD, THOUGH ARGENTINE PARTICIPANTS ARE NOT YET SPECIFIED. (GOA PRESS SOURCES HAVE RECONFIRMED PRESIDENT VIDELA'S TRIP TO VENEZUELA MAY 11 ACCOMPANIED BY UNDERSECRETARY ALLARA, WHO ORIGINALLY HAD INTENDED TO HOST LUNCHEON FOR YOU.)
- 3. AT THIS TIME YOUR SCHEDULE RESEMBLES ORIGINAL TENTATIVE SCHEDULE, WITH MARTINEZ DE HOZ APPOINTMENT CANCELLED, US BUSINESSMEN MEETING IN A.M., MEETING WITH ACTING PRESIDENT CONFIDENTIAL

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GENERAL DIAZ BESSONE (TENTATIVE) 1145, AND LUNCHEON HOSTED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY.

4. UPON YOUR ARRIVAL AT AIRPORT WE WOULD URGE YOU TO MAKE SHORT STATEMENT TO PRESS EXPRESSING REGRETS OVER CRIMINAL ASSAULT ON GUZZETTI'S LIFE. (FYI - SECRETARY VANCE SENT MESSAGE TO GUZZETTI YESTERDAY CONDEMNING "DESPICABLE

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